

GERMANY IS
EXPECTANTDoes Not Know Her
Eastern Chances.An Anxious Time in the
Fatherland.Germany Claims Close Interest
With Japan, and Other
Favorable Assurances.

BERLIN, December 25.—China has occupied public attention to the exclusion of everything throughout the week. The government and foreign offices continue to be occupied with the occupation of Port Arthur having failed to elicit any official statements with the exception of the denial of the extravagant utterances of the Cologne Gazette and other usually inspired papers.

The reason for this exceptional taciturnity lies in the simple fact that Germany herself does not know where she stands and how far the other powers will permit her to go. Germany, Russia and France are still negotiating and while there is strong pressure to bring about a joint action between these powers in the far east, equally potent influences are working to frustrate such plans. It depends largely upon the outcome of these negotiations as to what instructions Prince Henry of Prussia will find awaiting him when he arrives at Hong Kong early in February. In the mean while the mission of Prince Henry may be characterized as mainly a display of splendid egotism.

A prominent diplomat in an interview with the correspondent here of the Associated Press said: Russia's occupation of Port Arthur is permanent. She thereby secured a much desired terminus for the Siberian railroad which will be extended to Port Arthur making Russia the undisputed mistress of Manchuria and the whole of North China. Her interests in China in no way conflict with those of France, whose sphere of action is in South China.

This immense territory which may eventually be disputed between Great Britain, Germany and Japan. A movement is now on foot between Japan and Germany to arrive at an understanding as to Japan sees clearly that this course is the wisest. Russia will not tolerate Japan in Corea as it would destroy all the schemes she has been preparing for the past two years.

Therefore Germany is the only friend and ally Japan can look for in the coming events. That is if she knows how to play her cards and establishes a basis of mutual interest for which I hear there is considerable prospect.

From a missionary the correspondent here of the Associated Press learns that the bay of Kiao Choo is by no means so valuable as at first believed. Part of the harbor frozen during three months of the winter and breakers are reported to keep it open.

The hinterland is barren and treeless and the nature of the ground necessitates the erection of costly large breakwaters. If Germany concludes to retain it she will have to spend large sums of money.

Prince Hohenzollern is much distressed at the sudden death of his wife on last Tuesday. He spent the previous three days at her bedside without sleep, and his octogenarian frame has been greatly enfeebled thereby. His physicians are advising him to retire from public life at any rate, temporarily; but the Emperor refuses to allow Prince Hohenzollern to remain in office in the present critical time. The remains of Princess Hohenzollern will be interred on Sunday. The body was consigned on Friday in the presence of the ministers, military dignitaries, followed by the Prince Bishop of Breslau, Dr. Coep, in the consecratory of the Chancellor's place. The Emperor and Empress of Germany sent floral wreaths.

At the re-convening of the Reichstag the members of the opposition intend to make much of the fact that according to official figures just obtained the Imperial treasury receipts for the current year, above a surplus of 20,000,000 marks, show a decrease of 100,000,000 marks. They will point out that in view of the naval increase and the reorganization of the fleet artillery the large additional funds needed can only be raised by new taxes, contrary to the promises of the government.

The government will introduce at the reconvening of the Reichstag a bill, January 15th another anti-socialist bill, but not an comprehensive as the one introduced last summer. It will merely apply to lectures and lectures which have been brought under government supervision.

The imperial family passed Christmas at the new palace in the usual way. The two eldest princes arrived there on Tuesday from Ploen.

The Christmas trees and the distribution of gifts were more lavish than ever. This part of the celebration took place in the Schell hall. Most of the gifts were purchased by the Emperor personally at various Berlin stores. They included hundreds of presents for the servants and court officials.

At a secret session of the municipal council on Tuesday a New Year's address to the Emperor was adopted for the first time in many years. This address deals largely with national politics and is couched in patriotic terms.

Voluntary collections for naval purposes are taking place among the pupils of many of the public schools.

The influenza in a severe form has been spreading in Berlin. There have been thousands of cases and the death rate is rapidly increasing.

Negotiations are proceeding in Berlin between Germany and Austria with a view to holding an international conference at Brussels on the subject of the abolition of the sugar export bounty.

The organ of the Agrarians, the

Deutsche Tag's Zeitung, freely attacks
Baron Thielmann, for not declaring war
on the United States. The Zeitung
however, thinks that the present
moment is not propitious for such a
demonstration and Great Britain would
also profit by a tariff war of that kind.

To the intense amusement of the
cullerers from the floods the government
has presented a claim for payment to all
villages and individual owners who
were aided during the floods by the
military. The village of Ploen, for in-
stance, received a bill for 400 marks.

Mr. Clifton R. Brockbridge, the for-
mer United States minister at St.
Petersburg arrived here Thursday to
spend the holidays with his family at
Dresden.

There will be no joint celebration of
Christmas by the American colony at
Berlin. Several American ladies have
Christmas trees and will distribute gifts
to the poor children of the neighbor-
hood.

The Agricultural society has mem-
orized the government claiming that
American fruits of every kind imported
into Germany are infected with the San
Jose scale which is a constant danger to
German fruit growers. They want a
strict examination of all American fruit
trees and shrubs and a refusal to admit
them wherever the scale is detected.

The emperor has presented the em-
press with a beautiful bracelet consist-
ing of miniatures of himself and their
seven children set in diamonds. In the
center is the portrait of Princess
Luisechen and below it is the emperor's
portrait in a heart shaped setting.

Trains Collide In France.
PARIS, December 25.—Two passenger
trains came into collision at Lepege du
Ronsillon, department of Isere, during
the prevalence of a dense fog last night.

At the French military academy, Captain
Lota, an instructor at the mili-
tary school of St. Iren and M. Math-
ieu, a passenger, and fifteen other per-
sons were injured.

An Arizona Town Burned Out.
JEROME, ARIZ., December 25.—Fire
destroyed the business block of Jerome
last night. It started in the lodging
house kept by Japanese Charley, and it
was impossible to fight the fire; the
lost that could be done being to protect
adjacent property. A defective lamp
which a woman attempted to turn out
of a window was the cause of the fire.
The total loss was \$10,000; insurance
\$7500.

RAN AMUCK.
Cheerful Freaks of a San
Francisco Burglar.His Name is Adam Stooth, and
He Has a State
Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—Shortly
after 6 o'clock tonight Chief of Police
Lees was notified that a burglar was at
work in the residence of Charles Diers
at the corner of Franklin and Geary
streets. Detectives Dillon and Crockett
and two officers were sent to the place.

The place was surrounded, and the
burglar becoming alarmed attempted to
escape over the roof of the adjoining
house. He was climbing down the pil-
lars in front of the residence of Baldwin
Gardner, a stock broker at 1193 Geary
street, when Mr. Gardner, thinking he
was trying to get into the house, raised
an alarm. The burglar then entered the
residence and shot at Mr. Gardner,
wounding him in the right arm.

The officers then arrived and after a
search found the man concealed behind a
partition. He was arrested and re-
ferred to be Adam Stooth, a criminal
with a long and disreputable record. He
is considered one of the most expert
burglars in the state.

Deaths That Were Untimely.
NEW YORK, December 25.—Deaths
around the Christmas tree have been a
feature of the day. Three have been re-
ported. William Gottsayer and Mrs.
John Rice, both of this city, dropped
dead last night at midnight, while they
were celebrating Christmas trees for the
children. The 8-year old son of Mr.
Keyport, N. J., pulled a lighted tree
over on himself tonight and was burned
to death.

Murderer Lindsay Surrenders.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—James
O'Rourke, the race track tout who was
shot by Thomas H. Lindsay, better known
as Tom Nolan, Friday morning, died to-
day. Lindsay, who was out on \$5,000
bonds, surrendered himself to the au-
thorities, was booked on a charge of
murder and released on his own recogni-
tance. O'Rourke's dying statement ex-
onerated Lindsay from all blame.

Long Jump on Skates.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., December 25.—
Frank McDaniels of this city broke the
world's record for long jump on skates
here today, clearing 21 feet 7 inches.
The previous record was held by him at
18 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Sacramento's Game.
SACRAMENTO, December 25.—The Sacra-
mento high school football team de-
feated the Berkeley team by a score of
12 to 10. It was a hard and exciting
game and was witnessed by a good
crowd.

Reciprocity Demands Declined.
BERLIN, December 25.—It is announced
that the government declines to ac-
cede to the demands of the United
States, made during the reciprocity
negotiations for reduction of duties on
American products.

An Untimely Strike.
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., December 25.—
About 400 employees in the Dayton Coal
and Iron mines are out on strike because
of a dispute of 10 cents per bushel for
mining. It is stated tonight that several
of the other mines along the Cincin-
nati Southern will be affected.

ASSAULTED
FOUR WOMENA Crazy Man's Break
in San Diego.Might Have Planned a
Graver Crime.The Police Actively Engaged in
Seeking Clues—No Doubt
About the Identity.

SAN DIEGO, December 25.—A young
man of about 20 years attempted to as-
sault four women at different times
this evening in the vicinity of Tenth
and D streets. One of his victims, Mrs.
M. L. Markham, who is over 60 years
old, was severely injured. When the
fellow overtook her he made an insult-
ing remark and struck her, knocking
her down. As she staggered to her feet,
screaming, the man again struck her
with some hard substance, and again
she fell, blood gushing from her mouth.
Still she struggled in an attempt to rise,
when her assailant threw himself upon
her, holding her down. At this instant
T. P. Noble and Dr. A. H. Hooker ap-
peared on the scene and the fellow took
to his heels.

A few minutes before the attack upon
Mrs. Markham, Mrs. Dr. Hooker met a
man who is believed to be Mrs. Mark-
ham's assailant, at the corner of Tenth
and D streets.

"Give me what you have got," he
said, at the same time reaching for her
purse, which she carried in her hand.
Although greatly frightened, Mrs.
Hooker instantly struck him in the face
and ran, followed by the fellow.

She fortunately met a lady coming
across the street, whose appearance on
the scene caused the man to turn back.
Mrs. Hooker hurried home and, while
she was telling her husband, Dr.
Hooker, what had occurred, Mrs. Mark-
ham's screams were heard and the
doctor ran to her rescue.

At other times during the evening
the same man attempted to stop a Miss
Davidson and another lady whose name
was not learned. The police have a de-
scription of the man and expect to cap-
ture him. Whether his motive was rob-
bery or worse does not appear.

TRAGIC DEATHS.
Father and Son Follow the
Pale Horse.A Sister May Join the Melancholy
Procession in the Festive
Season.DENVER, December 25.—A special to
the News from Orony, Colo., says:
Closely following the death of Michael
Karns, who was frozen to death, occur-
ring the tragic death of his son Thomas at 4
a. m. today. The remains of the elder
Karns arrived from Telluride for burial
at this city on Thursday and were at the
home of his son Thomas.

The undertaker had left some em-
balming fluid, composed of corrosive
sublimates and arsenious acid in diluted
alcohol, at the house and in the room
with the corpse. The poisonous fluid
was in a bottle labeled "Chloroform,"
and Thomas Karns, thinking it whisky,
took two large swallows of it before dis-
covering his mistake. Despite the
efforts of physicians he died in a few
hours.

Later this evening word was received
that the death of a sister, Mrs. Winters,
who was on her way from Denver to
attend the funeral of her father, the
elder Karns, may be reported at any
minute. She had to be left at Pueblo,
having been taken very ill on the train.

COLD WATER ON IT.
Canada Not Enthusiased Over the
Encyclical.TORONTO, Ont., December 25.—Re-
ferring editorially to the Pope's encyclical
on the Manitoba school question,
made public in Rome yesterday, the
Globe says:

"There is no room for the supposition
that the paper is issued without full
knowledge of the facts. So far as fed-
eral action is concerned, the matter is
settled and cannot be unsettled by any
ecclesiastical decree. The situation is
not in the slightest degree altered by
the encyclical and the prospect of federal
legislation is as remote as ever.

Cycle Records Lowered.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., December 25.—At
the exposition building indoor track to-
day Walter C. Sanger lowered his own
world's half-mile unspaced bicycle record
of one minute flat, riding the distance
in 59 1/2. On the same track Edward
Aldridge of this city broke the world's
record for 25 miles unspaced, his time
being 1 hour, 4 minutes and 28 seconds.
The previous record for this distance
1 hour, 5 minutes and 30 seconds.

LEES IS THERE.
Not Baffled by Durrant's New
Move.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—Chief
of Police Lees is not alarmed over the
new move of the attorneys for Theodore
Durrant in having Juror Smith cited
for contempt. Smith declines to be in-
terviewed.

District Attorney Barnes was out of
town and could not be seen regarding
the steps that would be taken to head
off any further delay in executing the
convicted murderer. He is expected
back tomorrow to assume the leadership
of the forces of the prosecution in the
battle that will take place before Judge
Sewall on Monday.

Assaulted by a Convict.
SAN QUENTIN, December 25.—A serious
stabbing affray took place today in San
Quentin prison which may result in the
death of a convict named Jones, who
was assaulted by Convict Moore. Moore
draws a pension of \$8 a month. With
this allowance he purchased some
clothes for Christmas and was enjoying
them when Jones came along and
started to abuse him. This angered
Moore, who drew a penknife and cut
Jones in the neck.

Cuban Relief Inadequate.
HAVANA, December 25.—Generally
speaking, the condition of the con-
ceder is as pitiful as it was during the
administration in the island of General
Weyler, despite Captain General Blan-
co's relief decrees. A relief fund of
\$100,000 will hardly give the sufferers
twenty cents each. La Lucha demands
that the amount expended by munici-
pal authorities for the relief of the desti-
tute inhabitants be published.

Whitewashed in Style.
SAN DIEGO, December 25.—The Uni-
versity of California football team, the
reputed champions of Southern Califor-
nia met with an overwhelming defeat at
Hay View park today at the hands of the
Y. M. C. A. team of this city, the game
resulting in a score of 16 to 0, against
the Los Angeles boys.

Modesto Defeated.
FRESNO, December 25.—Stockton de-
feated the Modesto football players this
afternoon by a score of 16 to 4.

BASEBALL TODAY
Company F and Selma Teams
Will Play.It Will Be a Contest Well
Worth Seeing—The
Lineup.

The baseball game between the Com-
pany F and Selma teams will be played
at Athletic park this afternoon. It was
announced that the contest
would take place yesterday.

The game this afternoon will be well
worth seeing, for the boys will do some
lively work. There is much rivalry be-
tween the two sides, and they will play
ball in earnest.

It is expected that base hits will be
more numerous than when a Thompson
occupies the box, and that science of
the highest order will be at something
of a discount. But there will be an in-
teresting contest between teams which
are about evenly matched.

An admission of 25 cents will be
charged. The proceeds will be used in
defraying expenses and in paying for
the uniforms the military boys have
purchased.

Following will be the lineup:
Company F. Selma.
C. C.
P. P.
C. C.
C. C.
C. C.
C. C.
C. C.
C. C.
C. C.

Shot Through the Heart.
CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A special to the
Tribune from Alton, Ill., says: John
Parks and James Clayton fought a duel
tonight near this city over a woman.
The men quarreled about the woman for
a year and Parks finally compromised
their difference by paying Clayton \$10.
A quarrel over the sale of Clayton's
cane today's killing. Parks was shot
through the heart.

Woodland Vanquishes Berkeley.
WOODLAND, Cal., December 25.—The
game of football between Berkeley and
Woodland today resulted in a victory for
Woodland by a score of 8 to 4.

Fritz Dolson, cook at Stock's restau-
rant, became drunk yesterday and de-
manded his wages to date. A settle-
ment was promised, but this did not
satisfy Fritz and he proceeded to try his
pugilistic abilities upon the second
cook, waiter, etc., and was arrested.

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Yesterday was a quiet but happy day in Fresno.

A. J. WATERHOUSE sends his Christmas greetings to the readers of the Republican.

The Christian Powers are evidently going to do the bull in the China shop act to perfection.

That narrow, mean-spirited proposition to abolish Santa Claus originated in the cultured East, let it be remembered.

The poor children did not go without their Christmas cheer, thanks to the kind hearts and willing hands of many generous people.

Having enjoyed the pleasures of Christmas, would it not be well to give a little thought to the greatest event in the world's history which the day commemorates?

The Christmas Interior is one of the finest numbers ever issued by that excellent publication. The illustrations are profuse and attractive and the matter more than ordinarily interesting.

The Los Angeles Times is "rubbing it into" Deputy Sheriff Barnhill on account of his habit of losing prisoners en route to San Quentin. The Times is rather exacting. The deputy has never got lost yet.

The Republican party will maintain the principles of the civil service law notwithstanding the low-down trick played by Craver Cleveland in extending the scope of the law after he had filled the places with his partisans.

Railroad Commissioner La Rue is being put forward by some of the stalwart Democratic papers as a candidate for governor. Mr. La Rue is an eminently respectable old gentleman and is a Democrat of the old-school and a yard-wide variety.

The Record suggests that Stockton be annexed to Fresno in order that it may also have the advantages of a big public park. A good idea. Fresno will some day take in nearly everything in the valley, and it is not too soon to begin the good work.

Kansas towns are again bidding for immigration. Mankato of that state has prohibited the whistling or singing of "There Will Be a Hot Time in Old Town Tonight." Jealous rivals have not been heard from, but it will be hard to beat Mankato when the rush begins.

President McKinley's pastor at the town of Washington, D. C., is said to be making himself persona non grata by preaching sensational sermons on Sunday papers and other things. If the person confuses his invidious remarks to the yellow papers, more power to his able jaw.

The Madras grand jury varied the monotony of things by ordering the celebration of two weddings, which were duly solemnized in the presence of that body. It is a useful grand jury, certainly, which performs the duty of stern parent or guardian for people in need of matrimony.

A sentinel addressed the Kaiser in no friendly (miles) the other day, not recognizing the exalted lady. Now the Kaiser has ordered a portrait of her Majesty to be hung in all the barracks in Germany. Hereafter the soldier who does not address the Kaiser as "Ihrhochwohlgeborenenhochlaucht" etc., will be promptly court-martialed.

The "more loyal British" are said to be shocked because Prince Arthur, the only son of the Duke of Connaught, is fagging for young Astor at Eton, which school both are attending. And yet these same loyal Britishers would not feel the slightest thrill if the princeling were to borrow a few shillings now and then from the millionaire's son to buy tart with.

There was frost enough in the morning air to bring a gentle reminder of Christmas where winter is king, but the bright sunshine and genial warmth of the afternoon soon brought the reminiscent wanderer back to the land where the smiles of summer illumine the face of Nature the whole year round. There is but one California, and Fresno is its garden spot.

Among the volumes in the library at Darlinghurst jail in Sydney, Australia, is Dickens' "Sketches of Boz." Recently the authorities cut out thirty pages of the book on the ground that they were unfit for prisoners to read. This makes one wonder how the Bible and to Barde of Avon have fared at the hands of the Darlinghurst jailer, and if he is as solicitous of the physical welfare of his prisoners as he is of their spiritual.

When the railroad companies a few weeks ago asked the Interstate Commerce Commission that they be given five years additional time in which to provide their cars with safety appliances the Republican expressed the opinion that an extension of two years would be sufficient. We are glad that the Commission takes the same view of the matter, for it has just notified the railroads that they would be granted only two years additional in which to comply with the law. This, as the Commission says, will, of course, make it

more difficult for some than for others to get ready their equipment within that time, but there is no hardship in this, for the reason that the former have not done all they might have done in the past.

Those who point jubilantly to cotton as one of the products that have not taken part in the movement toward higher prices, hoping thereby to detract from the volume of the wave of prosperity, should read the address of President Lane delivered at the recent meeting in Memphis of the American Cotton Growers' Protective Association. Mr. Lane attributed the low prices prevailing to over-production and made a stirring plea for the reduction of the cotton acreage, declaring that over-production favored stock manipulation. He said, further:

By destroying the annual surplus the law of supply and demand will prevail; competition will intervene, and the cost of production of this commodity, which is a fair standard of its value, will be the basis of its market price. Under prevailing conditions the product of our soil is no longer adequate to our subsistence. Prevailing prices are below the cost of production. With a surplus of several millions annually, which is an able condottier of the cotton "bear," the law of supply and demand has been displaced, and in its stead intervened the result attained by the commercial faker and blunderer.

This is a frank statement of facts and we recommend it to the attention of those who would make it appear that the low prices of cotton and one or two commodities which are adversely affected by over-production are due to causes for which the Republican party is responsible.

Now that the Valley Road is building into Bakersfield the Southern Pacific desires to secure a right of way and deposit grounds in that town, but the proposition is being strongly opposed by the business men of the place. This is another illustration of the danger of death-bed repentance. Had the Southern Pacific company proposed to do this act of justice for Bakersfield before the advent of the competing road it would have received a hospitable reception. It waited too long. It is Bakersfield's turn to feel independent now.

Ex-Governor Altgeld of Illinois, who is visiting California, makes the absurd statement that Bryan was counted out in 1896. He declares that states which were carried for Bryan were counted for McKinley. If Altgeld were asked to prove his statements he would not be able to produce a scintilla of evidence in their support. He appears to be the same old blatherer as of yore and hopes to perpetuate error and falsehood by the mere force of iteration and reiteration.

As to the Price of a Dog.

There was a dog show in a southern town several years ago, and a New York man carried a lot of letters and pointers down to compete. The dogs were the best on exhibition, and the New Yorker provided a prize for each of them as long as his arm. He knew how to handle them, and they took most of the prizes.

Two of the best specimens took first prize in one of the dogs, and the fund paid a large prize for it—about \$500. It was thought by their friends, but they would never tell what the sum was. The pointer was sent from place to place in the hope that it would take prizes, as the New Yorker had represented it to be one of the finest animals in the country, but it never came in for so much as "highly commended."

Within a few months it died without leaving so much as a puppy to mourn at its grave in the turnip patch. Nobody could find out what had happened to the dog. Some months afterward one of the purchasers was at Ning and with a friend who had been waiting for a chance to get the information. Each had taken many cocktails, and finding the river a burden they wandered away from it and sat down on a bench. The friend thought his time had come. He put his arm affectionately on the other's shoulder and said:

"Well, Frank, old man," he said, "what did you and Hastee give for that dog?"

"The other race to his feet with determination."

"Well, John," he said, "I may be full, but I'm hungry if I'm drunk enough to tell you that."

And no one knows yet.—New York Sun.

Clever With the Cards.

Some years ago a certain county jail was undergoing extensive alterations during which time a gang of pickpockets, four in number, were arrested on a bench.

Owing to the alterations, the lot were confined for a time in a cell, but were placed under strict surveillance, the care of them being specially entrusted to the warden.

The day after, during his rounds, he found them playing cards, when he promptly ordered the door and summoned a fellow constable, on whose arrival the cell and the prisoners were most carefully searched, but no cards were found.

However, the card playing still continued until the day on which the pickpockets were to be sent to the penitentiary for trial.

While awaiting their change of quarters the superintendent took them into his private room, saying he wanted to speak with them.

When he got them alone, being a very kind man and a great favorite with every one, he asked them, as a favor, to tell him where they had hidden the cards.

Then they told him that as soon as the sergeant and his comrades entered the cell they stuck the pack in his pocket and picked it again before he left, as a proof of which they presented him with the much used pack.—Pearson's Weekly.

Architects in these times are opposed to any rooms in a house that are not living rooms. The trim and usually deserted parlor of former days has been banished, and that old-fashioned tea-house known as the spare chamber sent to keep it company through modern heating and housekeeping improvements.

"LOST PARADISE."

A Good Play Well Handled by the Elletford Co.

"Lost Paradise," which was given by the Elletford company at the Barton opera house last evening is a play of intense interest, and resembles in some respects both "The Wife" and the "Charity Bell." It is a drama of high order and while it may not excite the fancy, being somewhat lacking in sensational effects, the downstairs portion of the house was well pleased with the production.

The stage settings and scenic effects were in the minutest detail complete. In the second act is introduced the great rolling mill scene, the machinery grinding away with the utmost realism. There is a happy vein of comedy running through the three acts.

It is not only that one sees such a piece of brilliant acting as that done by E. J. Blunkall in the role of Kenyon Warner, the superintendent. He was particularly strong in the second and third acts in his scenes with Miss Elliott, Francis Yale had the part of Ralph Standish and handled it creditably. Richard Scott, James Corrigan and Frank Wyman added materially to the success of the piece. Tant Jroll fun maker, W. J. Elletford, was at his best. He made up of Billy Hopkins, a spark from the factory's furnace, done Mr. Elletford credit. Jessie Norton was lively and full of fun as Cinders, the wife of the factory. She is a pleasing entertainer and sings and dances well. Pauline Matland and Nellie Stewart handled minor parts successfully. Miss Matland did a creditable piece of acting as Nell, the orphan. William Elletford was quite successful in the leading role. Her capabilities were fully tested in the last act and she showed herself equal to the occasion.

COAL AND IRON.

The Important Relationship of These Two Valuable Minerals.

Statistics show that, whereas Great Britain in 1840 produced 75 per cent of the world's supply of coal, at the present time it produces only 34 per cent. Atlantic liners no longer carry coal from Great Britain for the return journey. They now take in American coal, and no less than 1,600,000 tons of American coal were thus consumed in 1895. The condition of the iron manufacturing industries has always exerted a most important influence on the production of coal, so that a large demand for iron demands with it a large demand for mineral fuel. During the last 25 years the world's iron production has increased from 12,000,000 to 25,000,000 tons, but the share taken by Great Britain has fallen from 48.8 per cent to 29 per cent, while that of the United States has increased from 14.1 per cent to 26.2 per cent, that of Germany from 11.4 per cent to 21.4 per cent, and that of Russia from 8 per cent to 11.7 per cent. Indeed, iron is now being imported from the United States into this country, and, incredible as it may seem, the midway station at Midland, the center of the iron trade, is built of iron brought from Belgium. Surely, then, the author of "Our Coal Resources at the Close of the Nineteenth Century" is hardly right in thinking that British coal and iron still hold their own. He argues that other countries of Europe are exhausting their coal supplies just as Great Britain is, yet the figures he gives show that Germany has in reserve within a depth of 3,000 feet, 102,000,000,000 tons of coal as compared with our (England's) 81,083,000,000 tons within a depth of 1,000 feet. And this estimate does not include brown coal, of which Germany raises 25,000,000 tons annually.—Nature.

CHEMICAL FIRE ENGINES.

They Have Done Much to Reduce the Loss From Water at Fires.

Mr. Charles T. Hill writes of "The Fire Patrol" in St. Nicholas, the famous paper in his series on the New York fire department. Mr. Hill says: "The 'chemical engine,' used considerably in the fire departments of several cities, has aided materially in lowering the loss by water at small fires. The preparation carried in the tanks of these engines has a double advantage—not only does it extinguish a large body of fire with the use of a small amount of water, but the liquid itself evaporates quickly, leaving very little 'drip' in the apartments or floors underneath the fire."

The tanks of these engines are charged with a solution of bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) and water, with a small cylinder of sulphuric acid suspended at the top. When the tank is inverted, this acid is emptied into the soda and water, and the mixture at once generates carbonic acid gas at a great pressure. Changing the liquid with this gas gives it the necessary pressure to drive it a considerable distance. The hose is coiled around a reel on top of the engine, and when the fireman arrives at a fire all they have to do is to run off as much hose as they need, dash up stairs with the line, give the order to "dunk" one of the tanks (there are two, carrying 60 gallons each), and they are all ready to go to work. The chemical engine has extinguished more than 25 fires of considerable size since it has been in service in the New York fire department, a little over a year. It is stationed on the upper west side of the city, where there are a great number of dwellings and flats, and it has aided materially in keeping down the fire losses in that part of New York.

The Voice of Experience.

Mrs. Gladys—Dear me, what is harder than to keep a good cook?

Mrs. Wallis—The getting rid of a bad one, my dear.—Philadelphia North American.

Notice.

To the Members of the Society of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Fresno: Take notice that the regular annual meeting of the members of the Society of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Fresno will be held on the 3d day of January, 1898, at 7 o'clock p. m., at the church house of said church in the city of Fresno, for the purpose of electing a governing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Dated this 12th day of December, 1897. By order of the Board of Trustees, W. E. Chiancone, secretary.

Ranchers and Vineyardists

Call at Paul Mayer's lodging house for sober and reliable hands. Telephone Red 232.

TODAY'S SERVICES

St. James Episcopal—Corner Fresno and N streets, Rev. William Lucas, rector. Holy communion on the first Sunday of the month after 11 o'clock service; on all other Sundays at 7:30 a. m. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN—Dewitt Hall, 1 street, W. H. Martin, pastor. Residence 1237 O street. Preaching today at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 4:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist.—Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. in Knights of Pythias hall in Douglas, Kearns & Co. building. Sunday school immediately after services. Bible study Friday evening at 8 o'clock at 1457 J street. Public cordially invited to all meetings.

Methodist Episcopal South—Rev. J. E. Carpenter, pastor. Residence 1611 N street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. in Congregational church, corner of K and J street. Preaching by Rev. W. F. Coffin, presiding elder of the Fresno district. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal—Corner Merced and K streets, Rev. Arthur A. Graves, pastor. Class meeting at 12:15 p. m., W. F. Hill, leader. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior and Senior Leagues at 3 p. m. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting at 6:15 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. General prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Friday, 8 p. m., business meeting.

Quakerland Presbyterian Church—Corner N and Talar streets, Rev. J. W. Mount, pastor. Morning service at 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Young people's meeting at 8:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7 p. m.

Baptist—Avenue Presbyterian Church—Services in Belmont hall, corner of Blackstone and Belmont avenues. Pastor, Rev. C. A. Munn. Residence 104 Abbott street. Preaching at 11 a. m. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m. No night services until further notice, owing to the difficulty of heating the hall. All are welcome.

First Baptist.—Will hold all services in their new church, corner N and Merced streets, hereafter. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Y. P. B. U. meeting every Sunday at 8:20 p. m. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon the morning after all services. All cordially invited to attend all services. J. M. Briggs, pastor. Residence 312 Blackstone avenue.

Danvers Lutheran—J. Johanson, pastor. Residence 521 Nelson avenue. Services in the church on Elm avenue every Sunday except the first in each month at 10:30 a. m. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month services in the German Lutheran church, corner of Ventura and L streets at 4 p. m., and on the third Sunday in each month at Oleander at 3 p. m. All kindly invited.

Episcopal Baptist—Rev. G. W. Gray, pastor. Residence 1205 E street. A Holy Ghost time. The Jubilee Singers will spend Sunday with us. Preaching at 11 a. m. Praise service at 2:30 p. m. (Giving thanks at 7:30. The Jubilee Singers will sing seven songs and the pastor will preach on "Hallelujah" in light of this fact. The best of all times are ready. Santa Fe, December 30th, a grand temperance lecture by Rev. Webb.

Gospel Mission.—Corner I and Merced streets. Meetings every evening 7:30 p. m. Divine healing meeting Sunday 2:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Everyone cordially invited.

Presbyterian—Corner Merced and K streets. Sunday school at 9:45. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Congregational Church, Oleander. Joseph Owen, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. There will be no evening service.

German Lutheran—Corner L and Ventura streets, S. Hoernicke, pastor. Residence 650 J street. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Evening services every first and third Sunday in the month at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

First Armenian Presbyterian—Morning services in Fresno at 11 a. m., after noon services in Armenian at 9 p. m., in Nichols' hall, 1 street. Everybody welcome. Rev. L. T. Burbank, pastor.

Volunteers Auxiliary—Meetings today at the Armory at 941 J street at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 8 p. m. General invitation to the public.

Swedish Mission—Church, corner P and Olive streets, opposite High school. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by A. A. Saneed. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All Scandinavians invited.

People's Park Gospel. Temperance sermon every Sunday between 3 and 4 o'clock, by Rev. J. Wilson Nuby.

Bethel Mission, divine healing—Cottage prayer meeting at 117 Abby street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Martin.

Armenian Baptist—Armenian Association hall on F street. A. J. Melchiorian, pastor. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching at 3:30 p. m. All welcome.

Funeral Notice.

The funeral of our late brother, A. H. Cummings of Sanger Lodge No. 318, F. and A. M., will take place from Stephens & Bean's undertaking parlors on Sunday, December 28, 1897, at 11 a. m. The brethren of the Masonic fraternity are respectfully requested to meet promptly at Masonic Temple, 1 street, Fresno, at 10:30 o'clock, preparatory to attending the funeral under the auspices of Sanger Masonic Lodge.

There will be an interesting game of baseball at the park Sunday afternoon between Company F and a picked nine from Belma.

Elegant line of Outfitters and Sakers made especially for us and all guaranteed. "And that's no lie," Barrett-Hicks Co.

Bicycle \$25.50 at Thompson's.

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS,

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The best family medicine.

Guaranteed by

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Annual Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS of the Bank of Central California will be held at the office of the bank, No. 1735 Market street, on Tuesday, January 11th, 1898, at 4 o'clock p. m. L. G. Moore, Secretary.

THE LEADING DRY GOODS HOUSE OF FRESNO.

W. McCallum & Co.,

THE LARGEST AND BEST LIGHTED DRY GOODS HOUSE IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

Sole agents Eskay Gloves.

Sole agents Thompson's Glove-fitting Corsets.

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Corset Depot for Central California.

Headquarters for Fast Black Hosiery.

SPECIAL VALUES

FOR THE BALANCE OF

The Holidays.

Each of the following clocks presents an array of useful goods suitable for New Year's presents.

HIGH CLASS GOODS AT LOWEST PRICES IN THE WEST.

CLOAKS.

We show the Clock stock of Central California. Latest styles, best workmanship, and lowest prices. Cash Cloaks—\$3, \$3.75, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$9, \$10, \$12.50, and \$15. Cloth Capes—\$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7.50. Jackets—\$3.50, \$3.75, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, and \$17.50.

DRESS GOODS.

We have marked down our entire Dress Goods stock to prices which must appeal to all close cash buyers.

BLANKETS.

We are headquarters in the San Joaquin Valley for Blankets. We carry the best. We sell our Blankets at lower prices than general merchandise houses can buy them for.

California All-Wool White Blankets, \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10 a pair. Eastern White Blankets, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3 a pair. Grey Blankets, 10-14, 4 pounds, \$1.50 a pair. Grey Blankets, 11-14, 5 pounds, \$1.75 a pair. California Grey Blankets, \$2.50 and \$5 a pair. Large stock Comforts, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 apiece.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

We show the Handkerchief stock of Fresno in Swiss, Lawn, Linen and Silk. Our prices as usual are the lowest.

KID GLOVES.

We have at present the largest Kid Glove stock ever shown in this market, all of which we offer at prices which cannot be duplicated west of New York. The best \$1 Kid gloves in America in 4-button and 2-clasp in black and all colors at \$1.50. Real French. Kid gloves in 2 and 3-clasp and 5 buttons, all colors and black. All Kid gloves guaranteed and fitted to the hand at the counter.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOWS.

W. McCallum & Co.,

MARIPOSA AND J STREETS.

Fresno Market House,

1231 and 1233 K Street, Opposite Court House Park.

Poultry, Game, Produce,

Meat and Vegetables.

FRESH STRAWBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES

FOR CHRISTMAS.

The Best Turkeys in the State at Most Reasonable Prices.

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DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES.

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82 EAST FRONT STREET, SELMA.

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Repairing well and quickly done by skilled workmen.

AN OLD SONG SAYS—

"WAIT FOR THE WAGON."

We can give you a better pointer than that—say the wagon now, and don't wait any longer. Delays are dangerous.

We advise you to buy your wagon now, and buy it of us. We have a splendid stock to select from, and our prices with suit you.

Good authorities tell us that prices will go up presently—all the more reason why you should buy your wagon now.

You can get anything you want at our repository, besides all sorts and of every kind. Wagons, Sulkies, Sulkeys, Phaetons, Traps. Everything of the best, and prices to suit the times.

Fresno Agricultural Works.

Things Are Coming My Way.

And they'll come your way if you'll come my way for your Christmas Goods. It's like saying if you add 2 and 2 the answer will be 4. It's a very simple problem. People who get 100 cents worth of goods for \$1 won't go where they may get possibly 50 cents worth for the same dollar. The great buying power of the dollar at Thompson's thus explains why things are coming my way.

Thompson's Big Bargain Store, 1154 and 1156 J St.

MIXED CANDY,

3 POUNDS FOR 25c

ALL KINDS OF NUTS,

10c PER POUND

35 Kinds of Fanc

Cakes and Biscuits

At the Very

Lowest Prices.

H. GRAFF & CO.

Chas. Wittmack,

RADIN & KAMP—THE WHITE FRONT STORES.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

Holiday Goods

This Will be a Big Week for Bargains.

The remaining portion of our splendid Holiday stock will be offered at an immense sacrifice to clear, and this will form a red-letter epoch in the economist's calendar.

Useful Holiday Offerings

In Wool Knit Goods at half price.

Extraordinary Bargains

In Holiday Handkerchiefs at half price.

Beautiful Offerings

In Fancy Holiday Goods at half price. Albums, Photograph Frames, Handkerchiefs, Boxes, Mantel Sets, Fancy Mirrors, Glove Boxes and a host of other Fancy Articles too numerous to mention.

Holiday Gifts in Millinery.

We are closing out the entire stock, and as the goods must be sold, we stand on no ceremony as to price.

Great Cloak and Cape

Attractions. The latest styles, the prettiest shades and the handsomest garments at prices hitherto unheard of.

Suit Patterns

For Holiday gifts. A beautiful line of the newest and prettiest weaves, specially imported for Holiday gifts. Remainder selling at sacrifice prices.

Novelties in Gents' Holiday Neckwear.

The balance of this magnificent line at prices that will grieve you if you can't speculate.

Boys' and Men's Clothing

Will be sold at clearing prices this week. If you want a SUIT or OVER COAT at sacrifice prices, you never had a better opportunity.

Handsome Offerings in Holiday Housekeeping Goods.

Beautiful Comforters, Splendid Blankets, and the perfection of Table Linens. The balance of our exceptionally fine stock at fabulous reductions.

Marvelous Attractions in Dainty Footwear.

Our stock is admittedly the finest between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Our qualities are reliable, our prices always right. This week our price pace will be a rattler. Come and see us.

Prospective buyers will find this a rare opportunity of GREAT VALUES—a combination of low prices and superlative qualities seldom to be found.

White Front Stores,
RADIN & KAMP,
1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031 I Street.

IT TAKES THE CAKE.

In fact, it takes a lot of them to inaugurate a big sale like the one that is going on at

SCOTT'S MAMMOTH CASH STORES,

and will last until January 1, 1898. He is making you some good offers that we know you will not fail to take advantage of. Below we grab a few handfuls to give you an idea, but don't fall into the error of thinking Scott has no others; he has lots at prices lower than any house in this valley.

Are your biscuits tough and heavy? Probably you are not to blame for it; it may be that you use poor baking powder. Try a 1-pound can of Scott's Economy at 25c. Every can will give satisfaction; no two ways about it, or he will sell you

1 pound can Price's Cream..... 25c
1 pound can Red Seal..... 35c
1 pound can Pioneer..... 35c
1 pound can Golden Gate..... 35c
25 ounce can Home..... 20c

A dinner; what shall it be? That's the question that often confronts housewives. Scott has it.

1 pound can Macaroni and Cheese..... 10c
2 pound can Macaroni and Cheese..... 10c
2 pound can Macaroni and Cheese..... 22c
2 pound can Heiny's Baked Beans..... 15c
3 pound can Boston Baked Beans..... 15c
3 pound can Sweet Potatoes..... 15c
Jams and Jellies, including rice, put up in 24 pint fancy glasses, regular price 25c, but Scott is selling them at 10c each.

Washing Soaps—We are cranks on soap and have tried all brands, but have never had any soap to equal Scott's Cream Soap in quality and price.

6 bars, full size..... 25c
12 bars Savon..... 25c
6 bars Barox..... 25c
15 bars Toilet..... 25c

If you have not bought your Citron, Orange and Lemon Peels, Currants, Seeded Raisins, Mince Meat, Walnuts, Almonds, and in fact everything that is used for a Christmas dinner, you should not fail to step in at SCOTT'S and see his fine display.

Sugar Cured Hams—These Hams are taken from selected corn-fed hogs, specially trimmed and are transported here, and in order to get them introduced Scott will for the next ten days sell them at actual cost, which will be 11 Cents Per Pound.

Home-Rendered Lard—Scott is head-quarters for pure rendered Lard. He gets it once a week direct from his slaughter house and is selling it at

5 pound can..... 45c
10 pound can..... 90c
20 pound can..... \$1.75
5 pound can Silver Leaf..... 50c
10 pound can Silver Leaf..... 90c
5 pound can Optimus..... 50c
10 pound can Optimus..... 90c
Adulterated Lard with beeswax and tallow at 35c, 55c and \$1.25 per can.

Washing Powder—You know all about its good qualities, and Scott's stores is the place to get it.

1 pound package Pearlina..... 10c
3 pound package Boraxaid..... 20c
3 pound package Gold Dust..... 20c

Syrup and Molasses—This is the time of year you often want table Syrup and Molasses. Scott has it direct from Louisiana.

1 gallon Cream Syrup..... 55c
1 gallon Cream Molasses..... 75c

THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

The REPUBLICAN may be had in San Francisco at the Palace Hotel news stand.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Apple cider, pigs' feet and Roquefort cheese at Holland & Holland's. Gang plows at Kielden's. Baseball game this afternoon. The band concerts are popular. Country roads are in fine shape. Dressed poultry at City Market. Read B. T. Scott's advertisement. Wood and coal—Dorsey & Parker. Carriage trimming at Schweizer's. Proprietary say this will be a dry year. For fine jewelry go to S. Keshishyan. World bicycles, \$35.50—R. G. Barton & Co.

Band concert in the park this afternoon.

Live and dressed poultry at the City Market.

Go to Downing's for your fine candies and fancy boxes.

Useful Christmas gifts at Donahoe, Emmons & Co.

The latest in diamond-mounted brooches at S. Keshishyan's.

A beautiful and appropriate holiday present—"Imperial Fresno."

Cash talks. Plow mounts \$40 per lb. at Fresno Agricultural Works.

Buy your wood and coal from National Ice and Fuel Co. Telephone 62.

Rapacious business office, telephone main 97. Editorial rooms, main 101.

The finest line of watches in town at S. Keshishyan's, 1740 Mariposa street.

Special sale for one week—fresh broken candy, 10 cents pound at Norton & Brunton's.

Baseball game Sunday, Athletic park. Company F vs. Selma. Admission, 25 cents.

"Imperial Fresno" on sale at Corley's, Riege's, Smith & Fenton's and the Republican office.

Just the thing to send to your friends in the East—"Imperial Fresno" in leatherette, 75 cents.

You will never have cold feet or chilblains if you wear our cork sole seal shoes. Philadelphia Shoe Store.

Downing's 10 cent cream mixed candy is the finest in the state for the price—no bucket candy, all home made.

Indge Wiley advertises for bids for the construction of the new library building. See notice in another column.

Shoes almost given away at the sale of Memphis Shoe Co. stock at the Labor Exchange. Get a pair while they're going.

Wonderful millinery bargains at the White Front Stores. Half price in all they ask. Entire line to be cleared by January 1st.

The stock of the place formerly owned by the Memphis Shoe Co. is being sold away below cost at the Labor Exchange, 3 street, opposite the city hall.

The number of seeds in the pumpkin at the Universal restaurant was 134, and the wheel was won by John Zuro, who guessed the number of 985.

"Imperial Fresno," showing the resources, industries and scenery of Fresno county, may be had at the Republican office, 1842 Tularis street. Leatherette 75c, cloth \$1.00.

Rev. C. A. Bateman of Lawrence, Kansas, who is the supreme lodge keeper of the I.O.G.T., will by invitation fill the pulpit of the Christian church at the morning service.

The residents of the town of Gold and vicinity in the Madera foothills had a big turkey shoot on Friday afternoon. In the evening there was a ball, which was attended by many people.

The Salvation Army will have a Christmas tree at their hall on Monday night. The organization is preparing for a New Year's dinner for the poor, and good progress is being made.

Charles Hochette and William Monahan, who were billed for a prize fight at Sanger on Thursday, did not give an exhibition of their pugilistic abilities, as the box office receipts were too small.

In the communication from Phil G. Schluch in regard to pruning vines, published in the Republican of the 24th inst., a mistake was made in two words which should have read day and day instead of dead and dry roots.

J. W. Giblin, arrested on Christmas eve for disturbing the peace, was allowed to give \$20 cash bail by Recorder Clark yesterday. He will appear for trial tomorrow. J. C. Clure, another peace disturber, was also allowed his liberty upon giving \$20 cash bail.

The White Front Stores have just received a special holiday line of one hundred dozen ladies' white lawn handkerchiefs, beautifully hemstitched and elegantly embroidered, in floral and conventional designs. They are well worth 55 cents, but as a Xmas offering will be given away at 10 cents each. You have never seen such handkerchiefs at this price.

Young Musician's Band.

The following young musicians have organized a band and they are practicing diligently so as to be able to make their appearance in public in a few weeks: George Ryland, solo flutist; J. T. Holden, baritone; Henry Antons, second B-flat cornet; Will Schuchard, first B-flat cornet; George Giffin, second B-flat cornet; William Hays, solo alto; George D. Clark, first tenor; J. E. Sutherland, second tenor; L. R. Connor, second alto; H. L. Clark, tuba.

A Good Showing.

The statement of the condition of the Fresno National Bank now appearing in the REPUBLICAN, shows its deposits have nearly reached half a million, while the cash on hand and that due from other banks amounts to two hundred thousand dollars, showing the business and deposits to be larger than at any previous time in the history of the bank.

To Err is Human.

But if you want a good guitar, banjo, mandolin or violin at a low price, call at C. H. Riege's.

The Grocers

are going to have fun—not giving back money—but selling more *Killing's Best* baking powder.

You're going to have fun, too—better bread, better cake, and spend less money for baking powder.

A Schilling & Company San Francisco

FATAL ACCIDENT

E. V. Taylor Killed Near O'Neals.

Horse Kicked Him to Death in a Runaway.

Was Driving With a Young Lady to a Christmas Entertainment.

E. V. Taylor of San Jose was killed in a runaway accident on Friday evening near O'Neal station, in the foothills of Madera county, about forty miles north of this city. The team became uncontrollable and in dashing down a steep hill the deceased was thrown over the dashboard from his seat and one of the horses kicked him on the head, fracturing the skull. Death resulted about an hour afterwards.

Mr. Taylor was accompanied by Miss Gugg, daughter of Supervisor John Gugg of Madera county, and they were on their way to a Christmas entertainment given by the district school at O'Neal's when the fatality occurred. They were in a buggy behind a span of high-spirited horses. The road was rough and the team started Mr. Taylor had difficulty in holding them in check. He was confident, however, that he could control them.

But in going down a steep declivity the animals started off on a wild run, and the vigorous exertions of the driver to check them were in vain. They dashed down the hill at a frightful rate, the buggy bounding at every jump of the horses and striking the projecting rocks, the wheels leaving the well-worn track.

In one of the violent lurches of the conveyance the young lady was thrown out upon the ground. She had a remarkable escape, for her injuries were only a few bruises.

Taylor remained in the buggy, determined to stop the team, and probably thinking that he would be able to regain control of them when the level roadway was reached at the foot of the hill. But before that point was reached the buggy struck against a rock, and it was thrown forward over the dash board and under the feet of one of the horses. This frightened the animal and it kicked Taylor on the crown of the head, crushing the skull in a horrible manner. The horses continued on in their mad career.

Miss Gugg heard Taylor cry out. He was lying on the ground only a few rods distant from where she had been thrown out, and she went to his assistance. But he was unconscious and she was unable to help him. She saw and gave such a jolt that the occupant was thrown forward over the dash board and under the feet of one of the horses. This frightened the animal and it kicked Taylor on the crown of the head, crushing the skull in a horrible manner. The horses continued on in their mad career.

The deceased had been a superintending the erection of a ten-stamp ore mill at the "Lilly mine above O'Neal's. The owner, Mr. Gower, sent to San Jose for Mr. Taylor, who was a native of California and 32 years of age. He was a widower and leaves a daughter.

The body will be sent to San Jose for interment.

WELL ENTERTAINED.

Enjoyable Affair in Deep Well District Friday Evening.

Last Friday evening the people of Deep Well school district were entertained by a well rendered literary program. After the literary exercises Robert R. Maxwell, the teacher, gave a few elegant hand tricks and some very clever explanations of spiritualistic manifestations and mind reading. His book test and slate writing were pronounced the best the audience had ever seen. A large table was made to rise in the air despite the efforts of four men to hold it down.

The room was then cleared and an elegant social dance followed until midnight when a sumptuous supper was served. The dancing continued until 4 a.m., when all retired to their homes with many expressions of having spent an enjoyable evening.

MACDONALD-PATERSON.

Two Young People United in Wedding on Christmas.

Irving Macdonald and Miss Agnes Paterson were married yesterday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. M. Paterson, on I street. The ceremony was performed at noon by Rev. W. H. Martin of the Christian church in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. It was followed by an elegant wedding dinner. The bride couple were the recipients of many handsome presents.

The bride is a charming young lady. She has resided in the city with her mother for several years and has a large number of friends. The groom is the popular operator at the Postal telegraph office and his many friends join in hearty congratulations.

Park Concert Today.

The regimental band will give another concert in the courthouse park this afternoon. The weather promises to be so favorable that hundreds of people will undoubtedly avail themselves of the opportunity to hear some fine music.

The following will be the program:

March, "King Cotton"..... Sousa
"Serenade"..... Holby
"The Blue Bird"..... Knechtel
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FRESNO'S MUNCHHAUSEN.

Tale of Two Prominent Citizens Who Went Hunting.

Vice-President J. S. Eastwood and Chief Engineer J. N. Smith of the San Joaquin Electric Company, inspected the proposed route of the transmission line between Fresno and Hanford last week, and Mr. Eastwood has many startling experiences to relate in regard to their adventures on the journey. He says that the fog was so thick that the horses almost floated in it, and several times the rig came near upsetting by running up the side of an extra thick bank of fog.

It was very cold on one morning and the electricians, though they would delay the inspection of the transmission line for a few hours and go hunting in the Kings river bottoms, where many geese and ducks may always be found. They roamed around for some time and did not observe any game flying overhead. Finally it was noticed that the rig was frozen over and that the horses and ducks were caught fast in the ice. Eastwood and Smith secured clubs and spent several hours in slaughtering the game.

After killing several thousand geese and ducks the threat for blood was estimated and the problem of bringing the game home was considered. But to the dismay of the mighty hunters it was found that the fowls were frozen so fast in the ice that not even one duck could be extricated to bring home as an evidence of their prowess.

EACH HELD A LINE.

Two Drunken Men Try to Drive a Team.

C. E. Carlson and George Conniff were in from the country yesterday and imbibed more of the Christmas cheer dispensed at the wet-woods establishments than was good for them. They started for home about 3 o'clock, and as they passed up Mariposa street a discussion arose as to who was in the best condition to drive the team, which was attached to a heavy farm wagon. Each thought the other was too drunk to be trusted with the lines and insisted upon driving.

Their contest to secure possession of the reins resulted in each securing one line. Two drunken men cannot keep a horse headed straight when driving in this manner, and consequently the horses were pulled from one side of the street to the other and several times came near upsetting the rig. Finally Policeman Russell pulled both men off of the wagon and took them to jail, where a charge of disturbing the peace was placed against them.

FROM LOS BANOS.

The Disappearance of T. F. Porter Still a Mystery.

Regarding the search for T. F. Porter, the Fresno printer, who has completely disappeared, the Los Banos Enterprise says:

T. F. Jones of Fresno spent this week in Los Banos looking for T. F. Porter, the printer, who is missing from Fresno. He failed to get any clue as to his whereabouts and returned home by way of Hanford. While there is a possibility of his being drowned in some of the sloughs between here and the river, yet we think it quite probable that Porter is enjoying some resort town and will be heard from sooner or later. The best information we are able to collect given the impression that he was here, went down toward the slough on his wheel early in the morning and returned about 11 o'clock. Whether he took the train north or what became of him no one seems able to say. He simply disappeared and that is all there is about it.

Wedding in Central Colony.

At the residence of the father of the bride, Draper Fowler, the architect, in Central Colony, on December 23d, Frank Durrant and Miss Flora G. Fowler were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. Webb. After the usual congratulations the company was entertained at supper. The presents were varied, and both handsome and useful.

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